

Wonder
NO MORE.

MAY & JUNE
2019



Grow Together.

Remember dreaming about what you wanted to be when you grew up?

We believe that discovery and growth have no expiry date. Whether you are looking to enjoy unplugged time with the written word, to unwind and connect with loved ones, or to continue your quest for lifelong learning, **we're here for you.**

Stratford Public Library - **Ever. Wonder.**

*"In the spring,
at the end of the
day, you should
smell like dirt."
- Margaret
Atwood*

For kids
MONDAYS
YEAR
ROUND
6:30 – 7:15

WHALE OF A TALE

Looking for ways to make learning to read a playful experience? Join us for interactive storytelling, songs, puppets, crafts, and play.

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

PARENTS & TOTS (PLOW)

Play, sing and read together! Join Public Library on Wheels (PLOW) to share in the fun of learning. Library materials are available to take home and enjoy.

LOCATION: AVON MENNONITE CHURCH (90 GREENWOOD DRIVE, STRATFORD)

SEW SIMPLE

Learn how to sew after school with your friends! Create unique projects using hand-sewing and sewing machines. Ages 9+ Registration is required for this 5-week program.

REGISTER: shengeveld@pcin.on.ca / x 131

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

PA DAY FUN!

STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE | 10:30-11:30AM

Back by popular demand! Conquer a series of fun challenges using science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

WILD ABOUT US | 1:30

Ever wonder how to best express all those things that make you unique and special? Join our special guests to tap into your super hero powers!

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JAN 9
TO
JUNE 19
10:00 – 11:30

WED
MAY 1
TO
MAY 29
3:30 – 5:00

FRI
JUN
7



1: Whale of a Tale 2: Wild About Us 3: Baby Steps

WEEKLY

BABY STEPS

Giggles! Bounces! Oh my! Join Diane for a morning of rhymes, songs and stories for babies with their parents and caregivers. Come early to socialize and play!

WEDNESDAYS 10:15AM - 11:15AM

FEBRUARY 6 - MAY 22

STORY STARTERS

Activity stations bring stories to life which help children learn through play, talking, singing, listening and reading.

THURSDAYS 10:30AM - 11:30AM

FEBRUARY 7 - MAY 23

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

WILD ABOUT SUMMER READING!

Let the adventure begin! Join in the fun of summer with programs at the library and in your community, all summer long. Starting on Saturday June 15th, you can pick up your free TD Summer Reading Club kit at the library or at library programs.

**SAT
JUNE
15**

10:00 – 11:30

**SAT
JUNE
15**

2:00 – 3:30

**TUE
JULY 2
TO
AUG 20**

4:00 - 4:30

4:30 - 5:00

WILD ONTARIO SUMMER LAUNCH PARTY

We're wild about summer! So much so that we've invited falcons, kestrels, and owls, the raptor ambassadors of Wild Ontario to our Summer Launch Party. Meet our TD Summer Reading Club staff, pick up your Summer Reading kit, and join in fun activities.

LOCATION: UPPER QUEEN'S PARK, 55 QUEEN ST.

DADDY DAUGHTER HAIR FACTORY V. 4

Celebrate Father's Day in a whole new way! Learn how to create hairdos for your daughter. It's more about the bonding than the braiding! Limited spaces, register early.

REGISTER: rgodfrey@pcin.on.ca / x 132

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

READING BUDDIES

Reading is better with a buddy! This 8 week program gives children one-to-one reading practice with a trained volunteer. Reading buddies are available in both French and English.

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY LOWER FLOOR

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 17. PROGRAM RUNS JULY 2 - AUGUST 20.

REGISTER: tmacgregor@pcin.on.ca / x 140

STEM VILLAGE

Unsure of how to prepare your child for the 21st Century? We're here to help. Science, math, technology, and engineering are vital skills for children to learn. Learning has never been easier! Simply access STEM Village through splibrary.ca and get access to STEM lessons, activities, and assessment tools. All you need is a library card!

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1: Daddy Daughter Hair Factory 2: Reading Buddies 3: MakerSpace

WEEKLY

MAKERSPACE OPEN LABS

Ever wonder what you can create? Try a 3D print, use the vinyl cutter to make personalized projects, turn photo negatives into digital files, or design with Adobe software. A knowledgeable staff person will help get you started.

Makers must have a valid Library Card.

Closed **Tuesday May 14 - Saturday May 18, Saturday June 29**

TUESDAYS 1-4PM

WEDNESDAYS 1-4PM

THURSDAYS 6-8:30PM

SATURDAYS 1-4PM

Youth ages 9-11 must have an adult with them during Open Labs.

for adults & teens

WED
MAY 1
&
JUNE 5
12:00 – 3:00

#SPLBOOKSPARK

Do you need ideas about what to read next? Try out our online book suggestion service. **First Wednesday of the month.**

(MAY 1) Celebrating moms! Share your favourite moms featured in fiction - books or movies - and we'll suggest a great title for you to enjoy.

(JUNE 5) Go wild! What's your favourite adventure story? Let us know and we'll suggest some other great wilderness tales.

Join online:  @stratfordpubliclibrary

 @SPLibrary

Want 2 Know

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Contact Robyn to register for any of the sessions at rgodfrey@pcin.on.ca / x 132

WED
MAY
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BATH BOMBS | 1:30-3:00PM

Treat yo' self! Everyone deserves a bit of pampering after a long winter. Come and learn how to make fizzy scented bath bombs with just a few simple ingredients.

FULL!

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FOREST BATHING | 1:30-3:00PM

Experience the Japanese art of Shinrin Yoku (aka Forest Bathing) with Rebecca Kroll. Learn how this practice can increase your emotional and physical well-being.

LOCATION: TJ DOLAN NATURAL AREA, ST JOHN ST. ENTRANCE
RAIN LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

WED
MAY
15

CUT THE CABLE CORD | 6:30-8:00PM

Yes, it is possible to cut the cable cord and still enjoy TV! Join Jeff from The CompuDoc to find out the many ways to cut your cable bill.

SAT
MAY 4
&
JUNE 1
10:00 – 11:00

MAKE + MEND

Bring a sewing project to work on and socialize with fellow makers. We'll supply the sewing machines, iron, and basic tool accessories. Bring your own thread, materials, and any other supplies. **This is a self-directed, drop-in program.**

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

MON
MAY 13
MAY 27
JUNE 24

CAREGIVER CONNECTION GROUP

Do you provide support or care to someone? Connect with other caregivers for a coffee break on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. **No session on Monday June 10.** 2nd Monday | 10:00-11:30am and 4th Monday | 1:00-2:30pm

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& teens

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COLOMBIA: COFFEE, CULTURE, AND TOURISM

Travel to Colombia without the airfare! Join Andrew Timmers and Elizabeth Bernal as they share insider knowledge of the 4th largest country in South America.

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PAINTING AUTHENTICALLY. PAINTING WITH JOY. WITH LISA GERBER-PLANCKE

Join painter Lisa Gerber Plancke to discuss themes in the creative life: how to stay out of your head, how not to overwork or overthink, and the value of vibrancy and authenticity over perfection. A tour of her exhibition will follow.

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

PINTS AND PAGES

Come meet – over a pint – and discuss whatever it is you've been reading - be it a book, a magazine, a blog, or even a Twitter thread.

Every 3rd Monday of the Month from 6:30-9:00pm

LOCATION: The Queen's Inn, 161 Ontario St.

NEW NEIGHBOUR NIGHT

New to the area? Haven't met anyone around town? Drop in to the library for refreshments and the opportunity to meet other new residents. This month's program will be hosted by Mindful Kids Stratford, a local organization dedicated to mental wellness.

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM

TEEN EMPLOYMENT DROP-IN

Looking for a job? Ask questions about job searching, get tips on writing your resume, and learn how to prepare for job interviews. Snacks provided!

Presented by Alan Roper of Conestoga Career Centre

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN LOUNGE

VIRTUAL REALITY

Ever wonder what it's like to fly? Experience the thrill of flight as we enter new dimensions with virtual reality. Bring your friends to try out VR demos.

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

AGES 12+

WEEKLY

TECH TUTORS

Want to use your device to its fullest? We can help with that! Tech Tutors are available for free, drop in sessions, three times a week on the main floor of the library. Bring your device and get support. No Tech Tutors on Saturday May 18.

TUESDAYS 10:30AM - 12:30PM

WEDNESDAYS 4:00PM - 6:00PM

SATURDAYS 10:30AM - 12:30PM

DROP IN, NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

AUDIENCE: EVERYONE

LOCATION: STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT ARE SPL STAFF READING?

- Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- A House in the Sky by Amanda Lindout
- Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James
- The Choice by Dr. Edith Eva Eger
- Algorithms of Oppression by Safiya Noble
- To Shake the Sleeping Self by Jedidiah Jenkins
- A Naturalist at Large by Bernd Heinrich
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- Pet Sematary by Stephen King
- White Fire by Preston & Child

WHAT'S NEW?

COMMUNITY ART AT SPL

CURRENT EXHIBITS:

Plant Life in Watercolour by Lisa Gerber Plancke | main floor
Meet the author during her artist talk on Saturday May 11th at 2pm

Stellar Photography by the Stratford Astronomy Club | auditorium

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Our new Community Art Program is open for applications. Check the website, or ask staff how you can show your creative works in your public library.

BOOK REVIEWS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid

"Picture this: It's the mid '70s in Los Angeles, and the full force of flower power is starting to go a bit weedy. Rock has gone from festivals to stadiums, drugs have shifted from psychedelics to heroin and uppers, and the sexual revolution has veered past free love and into key parties. No one is quite sure yet what to make of any of it."
- S. Costache



Make This! by Ella Schwartz

"What does this appealing, colorfully-illustrated National Geographic book offer kids? In a nutshell, plenty. Packed with fun and instructive science-related experiments, challenges and projects."
- S. Hengeveld

Full reviews available at spl.bibliocommons.com and in the Beacon Herald

CONNECT WITH US



LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY	2PM - 5PM
MONDAY	10AM - 9PM
TUESDAY	10AM - 9PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM - 9PM
THURSDAY	10AM - 9PM
FRIDAY	10AM - 6PM
SATURDAY	10AM - 5PM



UPCOMING CLOSURES

Sunday May 19 + Monday May 20
Monday, June 10 (Staff Development Day)
Sunday June 30 + Monday July 1

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